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Prices were higher early week and continued to climb during the week. The market tone was firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good best where promotions were present. Supplies were barely sufficient to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock and check and undergrades prices were higher. Offerings were adequate to short for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks were mixed, closely balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady. Light type hen demand was moderate with adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-7 cents, mostly 4-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg movement was about moderate to instances good. Supplies were in balance to tight and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were short to adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks ranged closely balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were mostly full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51
LARGE	43-53	44-47
MEDIUM	30-40	32-35
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending sharply higher. The market tone continued in a firm position. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were barely adequate to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to short for the usually moderate demand. Spent hens were more than sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-66	52-55
LARGE	45-59	50-54
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** JAN 14, 2005  
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	50.50	49.00	32.00
SOUTHEAST	49.50	47.50	33.00
MIDWEST	42.00	39.50	25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	49.50	34.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	48.78	46.49	31.38

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	01-18-05	01-11-05	01-20-04
Large	31-39	21-29	87-94
Medium	19-24	6-11	71-75

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 18, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	12.6	5.6	9.6	7.7	43.7
	Change	-1.2	-0.7	-2.7	-3.2	-1.9	-18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.0	38.2	16.7	25.9	24.6	124.4
	Change	-1.9	-18.7	-1.2	-2.4	-5.9	-19%
Large	Curr Wk	50.1	103.0	56.3	94.7	65.1	369.2
	Change	5.6	-31.4	-10.0	-3.9	-8.8	-12%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.1	31.3	11.9	19.3	24.3	97.9
	Change	0.5	-5.1	0.5	-3.2	-5.4	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	8.5	2.4	4.8	3.3	22.8
	Change	-2.0	-2.6	0.9	-0.5	-3.2	-25%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.6	41.5	9.0	14.9	4.3	76.3
	Change	0.6	-0.6	1.8	-1.4	-1.3	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.8	76.8	16.9	27.6	15.6	149.7
	Change	-5.7	1.5	-7.7	-5.2	-9.5	-15%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	111.6	311.9	118.8	196.8	144.9	884.0
	Change	-4%	-16%	-13%	-9%	-20%	-13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	884.0	-13%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	275.2	2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,159.2	-10%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 15-JAN-05**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,248,943	29,882	12,296	6,559	3,559	4,437
PW	1,288,751	30,741	12,491	6,750	3,395	4,561
LY	1,121,425	26,135	11,028	6,108	2,619	4,155
% CHG PWK	-3	-3	-2	-3	5	-3
% CHG LY	11	14	11	7	36	7
2005	2,537,694	60,624	24,788	13,309	6,955	8,998
2004	2,287,802	54,577	21,693	12,119	5,444	8,312
% CHG YTD	11	11	14	10	28	8

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.58	42.32	42.29
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.02	38.78	38.59

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	JAN 08	JAN 15	JAN 08	JAN 15
	Thousand			
AL	29,683	29,216	21,737	21,279
AR	31,479	31,506	*24,740	24,949
DE	3,916	3,644	*5,792	6,138
FL	1,324	1,339	1,505	1,554
GA	33,667	33,683	*27,303	26,682
KY	*7,111	7,168	*5,717	5,281
LA	3,997	4,014	4,110	3,843
MD	*8,754	8,790	*5,367	4,587
MS	19,527	19,256	*17,575	17,195
NC	*17,907	17,657	*14,503	14,989
OK	6,460	6,324	4,772	5,537
PA	*3,803	3,995	*2,985	2,037
SC	4,875	5,341	4,496	4,167
TX	14,949	13,672	12,135	12,574
VA	6,300	6,146	4,718	5,252
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,374	17,572	*16,060	16,051

19 State Total \*211,126 209,323 \*173,515 172,115

Previous Year Total 206,529 206,764 166,769 166,529

Pct. of Prev. Year 102 101 104 103

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-Feb-05 is estimated at 159.1 million head. This compares to 159.2 million head the previous week and to 156.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.09 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/13/05-01/19/05

CURRENT LDS 143.75 FUTURE LDS 89.25 TOTAL LDS 233.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	33.00	37.45	35.00	37.33	42.29	44.17	48.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	41.00	44.50	8.00
GNR W 3	—	—	25.50	27.00	38.67	41.00	7.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	2.00
GL W XL	55.00	50.45	50.86	49.79	49.13	49.00	51.25
GL W LG	54.00	51.43	46.81	47.67	50.33	48.97	70.25
GL W MD	33.00	31.50	—	—	38.46	43.36	13.50
GL W SM	24.60	26.70	22.00	24.00	22.00	25.00	6.00
GL BR MD	26.00	28.50	—	—	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	31.00	25.54	27.51	56.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-JAN-2005**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	29.9	27.0	11	6
Boston	3.5	3.0	17	0
Chicago	73.1	76.5	-4	31
Detroit	23.6	25.5	-7	-11
Kansas City	4.4	8.6	-49	-50
Los Angeles	105.2	106.7	-1	10
New Orleans	7.2	7.7	-6	-28
New York	35.2	29.8	18	12
St. Louis	19.5	16.8	16	13
San Francisco	20.7	24.3	-15	-14
Total	322.3	325.9	-1	7
4 Week Moving Avg.	318.6			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 15-JAN-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,647	2,507	46	5	4,205
Avg Wt	16.43	39.59	25.35	34.37	30.36
Last week	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Same wk yr ago	1,730	2,563	47	6	4,346
Avg Wt	15.90	37.57	26.69	30.35	28.82
To-date/2005	3,268	5,054	79	18	8,419
To-date/2004	3,389	4,966	114	11	

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 15-JAN-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	858	5	22.61	(A)	859	22.61
South Atlantic	534	-6	38.78	(A)	535	38.78
North Central	1,990	1	34.53	(A)	1,991	34.53
South Central	522	-7	21.52	(A)	523	21.52
West	296	6	25.15	(A)	297	25.15
U.S. total	4,200 (B)	0	30.36	5	4,205	30.36
To-date						
2005	8,401 (B)			18	8,419	
To-date						
2004	8,469 (B)			11	8,480	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 79,000; for last year to date 114,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 15-JAN-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	159,418	1,625	1,219	2,844	516
Avg Wt	5.25	3.39	8.08	5.40	6.77
Last week	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954	550
Same wk yr ago	157,478	1,526	1,278	2,804	396
Avg Wt	5.20	3.40	7.89	5.45	6.93
To-date/2005	319,681	3,096	2,702	5,798	1,066
To-date/2004	316,313	2,784	2,590	5,374	853

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.4 million head, or 2.6 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-JAN-05

	CURRENT WEEK 01/22/05(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/15/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
Broiler/fryer	157,130(2)	164,797
Light hens	1,526	1,635
Heavy hens	1,223	1,224
Total	159,879	167,656

(1) ESTIMATED

2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Jan-05 is 161.5 million head compared to 149.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 4.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 29-Jan-05 the estimated available is 162.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED		MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
December	11	161.8	155.8	104%	5.21
	18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
	25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
January	1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
	8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
	15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
Year to date		323.6	313.7	103%	
January	22		161.5		
	29		162.4		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYERS** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 17JAN//2005 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	63.00-66.00	67.01	39	67.83	73	
Los Angeles	79.00	78.35	60	75.51	119	
New York	69.00-72.00	71.21	24	70.95	49	

**COMPOSITE WTD AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
17-JAN-2005	10-JAN-2005	10-JAN-2005	19-JAN-2004	
72.05	.04	72.01	69.79	

NUMBER OF LOADS 546

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**

<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	01/17/05	3,564	69,173	45,962
AM	01/01/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
CHG		137	9,257	-8,414
PCT CHG		4%	15%	-15%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 17-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
<b>Southeast (1)</b>	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.70
<b>Southeast (2)</b>	TFEWR		
<b>South Central (1)</b>	7.5-14.75 CENTS/LB.	10-11	10.95

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

14-JAN-05

	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b>Eastern</b>	4-9	6-8
<b>South Central</b>	Too Few To Report	
<b>North Central</b>	0-7	4-5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

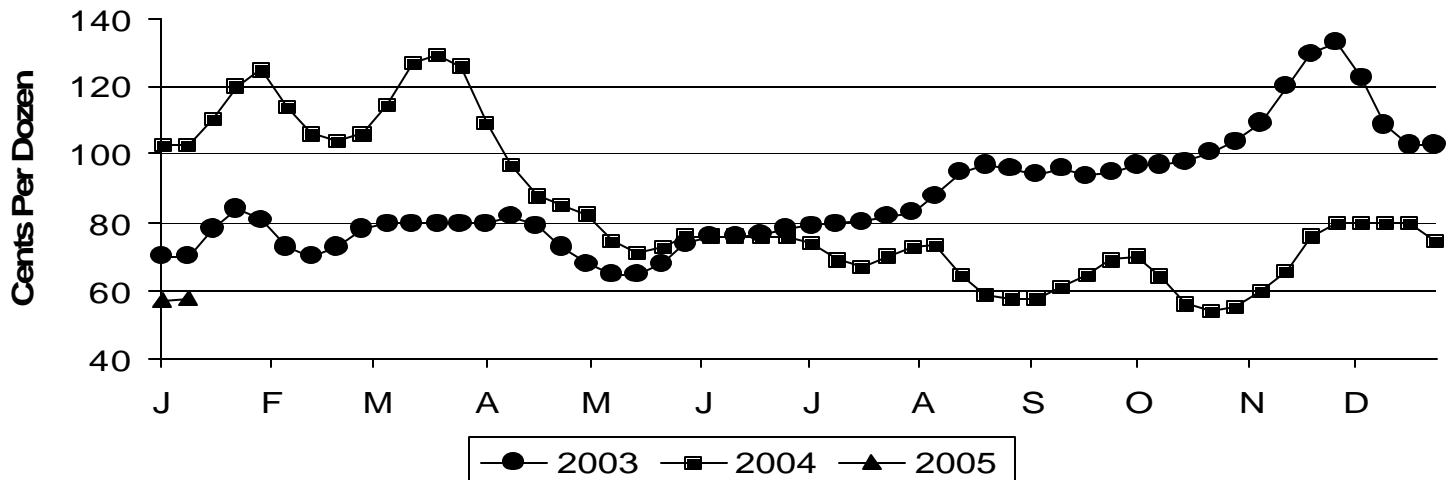
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W/E 15-JAN-05	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.2	1	4
East North Central	621.9	19	8
West North Central	293.2	9	-1
South Atlantic	219.1	-1	4
South Central	67.0	0	-4
West	192.8	-5	0
Total	1,637.2	8	4

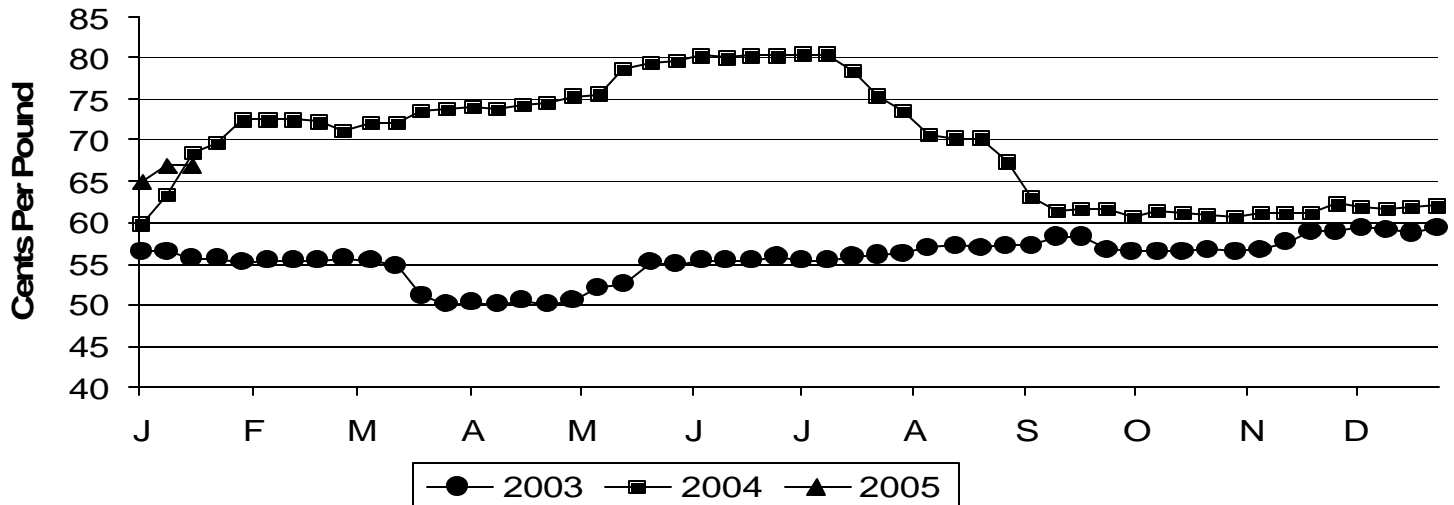
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Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

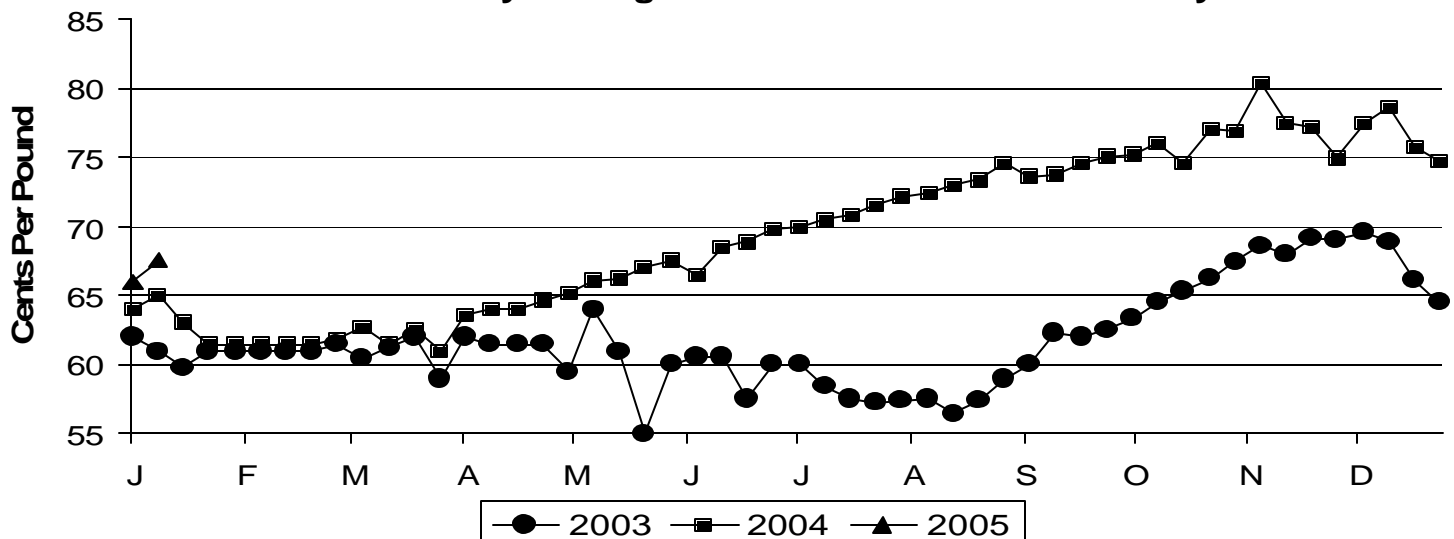
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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